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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW - IL 1500.2 - THYRISTORS

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1. DISCUSSION ON MARCH 18 OF THE BRITISH PROPOSAL TO
ESTABLISH A SEPARATE DEFINITION FOR THYRISTORS, WHICH
ARE PRESENTLY EMBARGOED BY IL 1544, BEGAN WITH A TOUR OF
THE TABLE IN WHICH ALL DELS ACCEPTED THE UK PROPOSAL
(FRANCE AND CANADA AD REF) EXCEPT THE US WHICH TABLED A
COUNTERPROPOSAL CONSISTING OF A FORMULA DEVELOPED BY THE
SEMICONDUCTOR TAC FOR COMPUTING A FIGURE OF MERIT
(FM) WHICH WILL DELINEATE THYRISTORS OF STRATEGIC
INTEREST.

2. SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION CENTERED ON TECHNICAL AND
STRATEGIC JUSTIFICATION FOR THE US APPROACH, THE ACTUAL
NUMERICAL FIGURE OF MERIT (40), AND WHETHER THE FOUR
PARAMETERS NECESSARY FOR COMPUTING THE US PROPOSED FI-
GURE OF MERIT WERE LESS COMMONLY FOUND IN MANUFAC-
TURER'S DATA SHEETS THAN THOSE NECESSARY FOR COMPUTING THE
UK PROPOSED FIGURE OF MERIT.

3. ALTHOUGH THE VARIOUS DELEGATIONS WERE UNPREPARED TO
VOTE ON THE US PROPOSED FORMULA, THE NETHERLANDS AND
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FRANCE SHOWED POSITIVE INTEREST IN IT, WHILE THE UK AND

JAPAN TENDED TO BELIEVE THAT THE UK FORMULA WOULD BE
THE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS BECAUSE IT EMPLOYS
ONLY TWO PARAMETERS WHICH ARE INVARIABLY INCLUDED IN
DATA SHEETS. THE CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT GOVERNMENTS
PRESENT THEIR VIEWS ON MARCH 20 IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT US AUTHORITIES REEXAMINE SUB-

ITEM (D) AFTER THE UK PROPOSAL TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT
MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE AS IT STANDS OR WITH AMENDMENT IN
THE EVENT THAT OUR PROPOSAL FAILS OF ADOPTION.

ADDITIONALLY WE WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP ANY ADDITIONAL
BACKUP WHICH CAN BE PROVIDED CONCERNING THE US FORMULA.

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